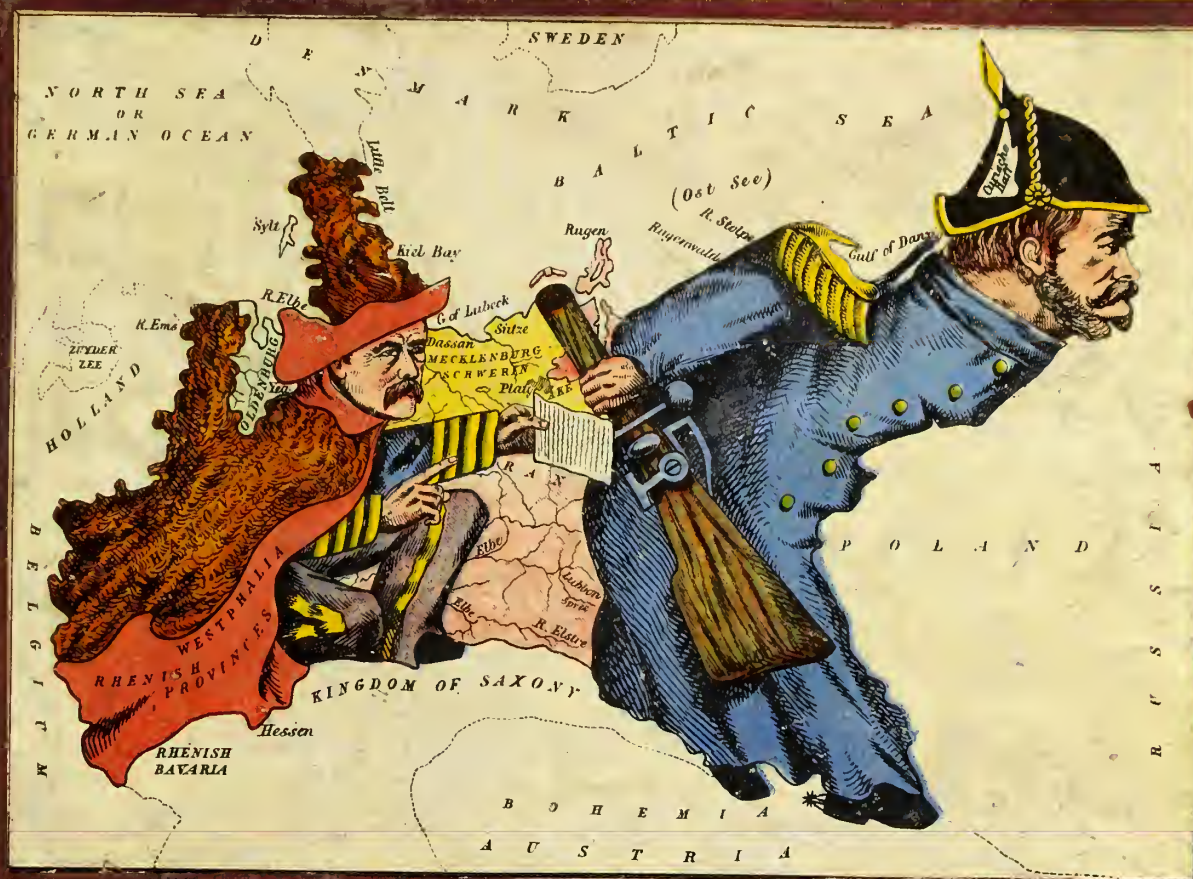


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INTRODUCTION.

HE young lady who is responsible for these Sketches is now in her fifteenth year, and her first idea of Map Drawing is traceable to her meeting with a small figure of Punch riding on a Dolphin, and contrived to represent England. The thought occurred to her when seeking to amuse a brother confined to his bed by illness. It is believed that these illustrations of Geography may be rendered educational, and prove of service to young scholars, who commonly think Globes and Maps but wearisome aids to knowledge, by enabling them to retain the outline of the various countries so humourously caricatured in the work, by associating them in their mind's eye with odd fancy figures. The bluffs and headlands of Scotland would be identified with the struggling Piper, and La Belle France with the grotesque looking madam dancing before a

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ALEPH.

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SPAIN & PORTUGAL.



These long divided nations soon may be,
By Prim's grace, joined in lasting amity.

And ladies fair—if King Fernando rules,
Grow grapes in peace, and fatten their pet mules.

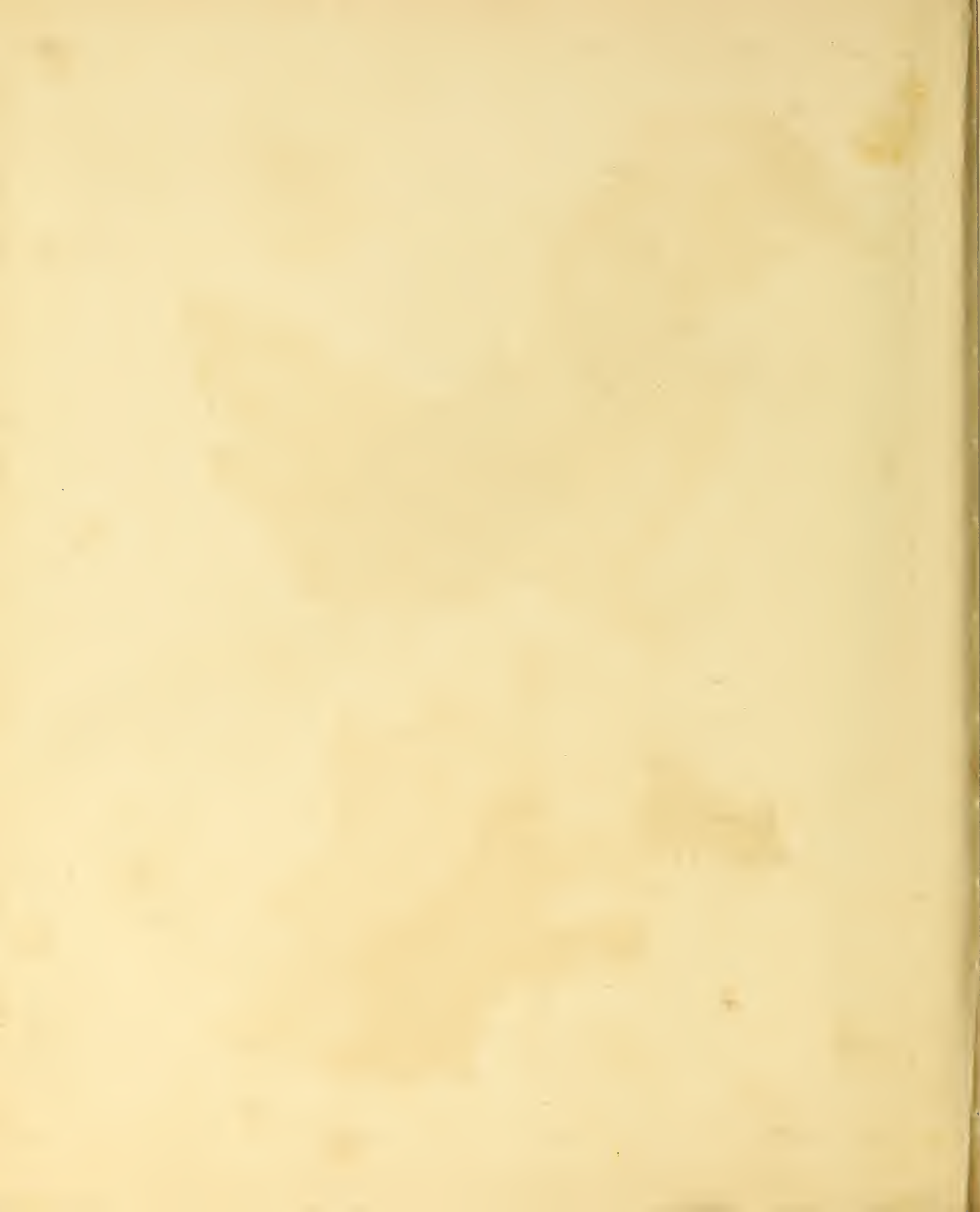
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Thou model chieftain—born in modern days—
Well may thy gallant acts claim classic praise.

Uncompromising friend of liberty!
Thy Photograph ennobles Italy!



PRUSSIA.



His Majesty of Prussia—grim and old—
Sadow's King—by needle guns made bold ;

With Bismark of the royal conscience, keeper,
In dreams political none wiser—deeper.

GERMANY.



Lo! studious Germany, in her delight,
At coming glories, shewn by second sight,

And on her visioned future proudly glancing,
Her joy expresses by a lady dancing.



HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.



Dame Holland, trick'd out in her gala clothes,
And Master Belgium, with a punchy nose;

Seem on the map to represent a land,
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